

TasWater - Charges for Vacant Lot

Mr George question to TREASURER

The home of my constituent Penny Lane in Lindisfarne was destroyed by fire two years ago, since when the property has been uninhabitable, with no water connection. Despite this, TasWater consolidated five neighbouring properties onto a single shared meter and is now billing my constituent hundreds of dollars for variable usage charges. This is for water that Ms Lane is obviously not able to use. While she is prepared to pay the fixed charge in anticipation of a future connection, it's manifestly unfair to charge a variable usage fee to a vacant, waterless block. Will the Treasurer direct TasWater to investigate this case, and introduce fair billing arrangements for my constituent, and any others in comparable circumstances?